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REFS: A. USNATO 1673; B. AC/4-WP/518(REVISED, 2 APR 74;

C. USNATO 1851

SUMMARY: INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FURTHER REVISED ITS REPORT TO DPC ON POSSIBLE CEILINGS AND COST SHARING FORMULAE FOR 1975-1979 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. ALLIES GAVE LATEST POSITIONS ON FIVE-YEAR CEILING AND CONFIRMED THAT UK WAS ISOLATED AT THE LOW IAU 300 MILLION LEVEL. FINAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 PRIOR TO TRANSMITTAL OF REPORT TO DPC. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS BY APRIL 29. END SUMMARY

1. AS FORECAST REF A, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REVIEWED ON APR 23 THE DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT TO DPC (REF B) CONTAINING VARIOUS PROGRAM CEILINGS AND COST SHARING PROPOSALS. SEVERAL REFS HAD NOT AS YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMAL TOUR DE TABLE BY CHAIRMAN (ELDON SMITH) GAVE FOLLOWING PREFERENCES FOR 1975-1979 CEILING AMOUNTS:

BELGIUM IAU 300-400 M

CANADA IAU 350-400 M
DENMARK IAU 400-450 M
GREECE IAU 600 M
FRG IAU 500 M
ITALY IAU 400-500 M
NETHERLANDS IAU 400-450 M
NORWAY IAU 400-450 M
PORTUGAL IAU 400 M
TURKEY IAU 600 M
UK IAU 300 M
US IAU 600 M

2. SMITH NOTED THAT CURRENT NATIONAL POSITIONS ON CEILING CONFIRMED PERMREP REPLIES TO AMB RUMSFELD'S INTERVENTION AT DPC ON APR 3 (REPORTED REC C). AVERAGE POSITIONS RANGED FROM A LOW OF IAU 437 MILLION TO A HIGH OF IAU 470 MILLION. WHILE THE TOTAL CONTINUED TO BE LOW IN COMPARISON TO TO REQUIREMENTS OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, IT WAS NOW APPARENT THAT ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT UK COULD ACCEPT A CEILING OF AT LEAST IAU 400 MILLION. MILITARY COMMITTEE REP CONFIRMED THAT RUMSFELD'S PREDICTION OF MAJOR SHORTAGES IN THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM WOULD RESULT FROM A CEILING OF IAU 400 MILLION. ITALIAN REP AND OTHERS NOTED THAT POSITIONS IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS FINAL SINCE MOST COMMITTEE REPS WERE STILL AWAITING POLITICAL GUIDANCE WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE GIVEN UNTIL MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT DPC LEVEL. BELGIAN REP APPEALED FOR URGENT REFERRAL OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE DPC TO ALLOW SOME TIME IN THAT FORUM PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL IN JUNE.

3. SMITH THEN REQUESTED NATIONAL VIEWS ON METHODS BY WHICH US SHARE COULD BE REDUCED TO AN EFFECTIVE 20 PCT. AFTER SOME INITIAL PROBING BY BELGIAN AND FRG REPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER US POSITION WAS FLEXIBLE, NATIONAL REPS CONFIRMED CONSTRAINTS LISTED IN ANNEX I TO REF B. MOST REPS THOUGHT THAT, TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING AND TO ACHIEVE A US COST SHARE OF 20 PCT AT THE SAME TIME, MORE THAN A SINGLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WOULD BE NEEDED. MOST, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRG AND UK, FAVORED A SOL-CONFIDENTIAL

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UTION INVOLVING AN ADDITIONAL EDIP-LIKE PROGRAM. FRG COULD ACCEPT ONLY A SOLUTION INVOLVING AQTE SPECIAL UNQTE PROGRAM (PER PARA 12 OF REG B). THE UK MAINTAINED ITS POSITION OF LIMITING THE UK CONTRIBUTION TO 12 PCT OF AN IAU 300 MILLION CEILING IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW MUCH OTHER COUNTRIES WERE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE.

4. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH BELGIAN REP TO NEED FOR URGENT DPC CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL REVISE REF B AS FOLLOWS FOR FINAL DISCUSSION IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 30:

A. PARA 13. ADD DESCRIPTION OF QTE ADDITIONAL UNQTE

PROGRAM; I.E., PERTAINING TO PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR NORMAL INFRA-
STRUCTURE FUNDING.

B. PARA 16. DELETE LAST SENTENCE CONCERNING MOTIVATION
FOR UK.

C. ADD COLUMNS TO ANNEXES II THROUGH VI ILLUSTRATING
PROGRAMS AT IAU 500 AND 600 MILLION LEVELS.

D. ANNEX I. DELETE LAST PHRASE IN CONSTRAINT E,
QTE OR SOME . . . PROGRAMME UNQTE.

5. REVISED DOCUMENT WITH CHAIRMAN'S TRANSMITTAL LTTER
WILL BE DISCUSSED ON APR 30 IN EFFORT TO APPROVE ITS
TRANSMITTAL TO DPC FOR PROBABLY DISCUSSION IN THAT FORUM BY
MID-MAY. REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS PRIOR TO APR 30. RUMSFELD

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